

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter this Amendment and to favorably consider their application. Allowance of the above-identified application is courteously solicited.

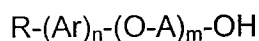
Applicant's legal representative acknowledges the Examiner's courtesies and constructive comments during an interview held on March 20, 2007.

Claims 14, 18-19, 32 and 33 are presented. New claim 33 is presented and it is respectfully submitted that it finds basis in the specification and previously presented claims, consistent with the interview and the Examiner's constructive comments. The remaining claims have been canceled without prejudice and without disclaiming the inventions.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 9, 10, 14, 18-22, and 32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The claims have been amended to overcome this rejection. The Examiner indicated that the rejection was based on the term "unreacted" in part (ii) of the claims, which in the Examiner's view indicated that the PIB of part (ii) of the claims was derived solely from the same source as the "R" group in part (i) of each claim. The claims have been amended to indicate that the polyalkene (ii) is present in addition to the polyalkoxylate compound (i) and need not be derived from unreacted precursors of the "R" chain.

This amendment is supported by the specification at several points in the present application. To begin, the specification describes the use of fuel additives comprising alkyl-substituted aryl polyalkoxylates of the Formula (I):



At p. 3 lines 9-11, the specification discloses that the "R" group is a straight-chain or branched hydrocarbon derived from C₂-C₂₀ alkenes. Pages 7 through 9 list additional fuel additives that may be used in combination with the compound of Formula (I), such as "aliphatic and aromatic hydrocarbons (p. 7 lines 20-22). At p. 8 lines 19-22, the specification states:

"In addition to the novel compounds I as carrier oils, the fuel compositions of the present invention can contain additional detergents and dispersants as well as the stated further components and adjuvants customary for this purpose and solvents or diluents."

Examples of such customary components include polyolefins (polyalkenes):

"Further conventional carrier oils should also be mentioned as further customary components and additives, for example mineral carrier oils (base oils), in particular those of the viscosity class Solvent Neutral (SN) 500 to 2000, and synthetic carrier oils based on olefin polymers having M_N = from about 400 to about 1800, especially those based on polybutene or polyisobutene (hydrogenated or nonhydrogenated) or on polyalphaolefins or poly(internal olefins)."

(P. 8 lines 9-14). Specific polyalkenes are further disclosed in the Examples.

Thus, the specification discloses mixtures of Compound (I) and various polyalkenes, regardless of the reactants used to create the "R" chain of Compound (I). The applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejection based on lack of written description be withdrawn.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has also rejected claims 9, 10, 20-22, 30, and 31 as obvious

under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on Stayner, U.S. Pat. No. 2,786,745, alone or in combination with another reference. The rejected claims have been canceled without prejudice to filing a continuation or taking such other action, so that claims 14, 18-19, 32 and 33 may pass to issue. Therefore, the merits of the rejection are mooted in their entirety without prejudice or acquiescence.

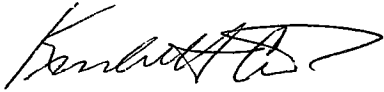
Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the applicant suggests claims 14, 18-19, 32 and 33 are in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required with respect to this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1135 regarding our order number 7391/72568.

Respectfully submitted,

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